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REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the advisory action, the Examiner noted that the following claim combinations would be allowable:

Combination of claims 1, 4, 11, 12, 13 and 14

Combination of claims 1, 4, 11, 12, 13 and 15

Combination of claims 6, 9, 16, 17, 18 and 19

Combination of claims 6, 9, 16, 17, 18 and 20 (note that the Examiner said claim 21, but this is apparently a merely a typographical error, as claim 20 was the last claim in the application - applicant assumes that 20 was intended).

Accordingly, claim 1 is rewritten to including the subject matter of claims 4, 11, 12, 13 and 14 therein. New claim 21 is added which represents the combination of claims 1, 4, 11, 12, 13 and 15. Claim 6 is amended to including claims 19, 16, 17, 18 and 19 therein, while new claim 24 is added representing the combination of claims 6, 9, 16, 17, 18 and 20. Dependent claims 22, 23, 25 and 26 are added, which represent the dependencies of claims 5 and 10, but depending on the new independent claims 21 and 23.

In view of these amendments, the application is submitted to be allowable.

Applicant's attorney wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended in a telephone call in which the procedural

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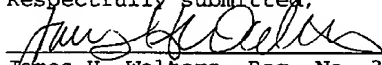
filing and timing was discussed. We thank the Examiner for suggesting the possibility that an RCE application might be a preferred filing route to take.

A notice of appeal was pending, received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 25, 2004.

Accordingly, a 4 month extension of time is requested. Also, with this amendment, the application will have 4 independent claims, so if an additional claim fee is added, please charge that fee and also charge the extension and RCE fee to deposit account 503036. Please refund any overpayment to the deposit account.

In light of the above noted amendments and remarks, this application is believed in condition for allowance and notice thereof is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is asked to contact applicant's attorney at 503-224-0115 if there are any questions.


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